

"PEOPLE IN GLASS HOUSES——"

Hearst's American blurted forth Tuesday in a very flowery editorial under the head, "You Can't Reform a Bad Boy With a Club."

The reason for the splurge is the recent scandal concerning conditions at the Pontiac Reformatory.

As far as its reference to conditions at Pontiac are concerned, it's probably O. K. But bringing it back home puts a different light on it.

For instance, take one portion of the editorial—"Perhaps We Wouldn't Hear So Much About Cruelty and Graft in Our Public Institutions if Brutality to a Prisoner Meant a Term in Jail." Just where would Hearst methods fit if we turned that around to read: "Perhaps We Wouldn't Hear So Much About Cruelty to Newsies if Brutality to Said Newsies Meant a Term in Jail for the Employer of the Employee Who Dealt Out the Brutality?"

Further the editorial says: "We recognize now that even the human being who errs, even though he errs to the extent of burglary or murder, has some rights. He must pay the penalty that the law enacts for him, but he must not be starved nor beaten, nor subjected to torture in addition."

And that paragraph in the face of the killing of Conductor Witt and Teamster Hehr by newspaper sluggers.

Here's another interesting paragraph: "The kind of a man who would maltreat a boy prisoner is the kind of a man who would double his persecution if that boy called attention of a superior to what was going on."

How many times have American sluggers used their slugging methods on a newsie who refused to take more papers than he could sell? And how many times have the same slugger returned to make a better job of the slugging, after the newsie squealed about it?

That editorial probably fits in the Pontiac Reformatory's case, but bring it back home and there would be a bust-up in the family.

PRINTING PRESSMEN NO. 3 STILL OUT AT KITTREDGE & CO.

The strike of the Printing Pressmen No. 3 against the plants of R. J. Kittredge & Co., Green and Superior streets; Shea, Smith & Co., 322 Federal street, and Rogers & Co., 1104 S. Wabash av., still continues.

It was begun three months ago. Since that time the shop owners have made every effort to install a permanent non-union system.

Present employees of the plants are forbidden to speak to the union men. City policemen have been stationed at three shops under orders to lock up all union men who came near.

Recently two girl feeders lost their pay envelopes. They were found by union men and returned to the girls. But since then the girls have been forbidden to show their gratitude by speaking to the m

NEW YORK MAKES GOOD AS THE "JAY-TOWN-ON-THE-HUDSON"

New York, Oct. 29.—O. Henry called this town "Jay-Town-on-the-Hudson," and it earned its right to the title today. A wag, during the lunch hour, stood in the middle of Beekman street at Nassau and looked up across the postoffice building at the giant Woolworth tower. In thirty seconds ten men and women stood beside him. In five minutes there were hundreds, in ten minutes the streets were blocked by thousands of sophisticated New Yorkers, straining their necks and "rubbering." The police cleared the way for traffic by passing the tip that it was a hoax.

The big steamboat bosses, having discovered that the La Follette seamen's bill is fair to the seamen, have let out an awful yell of pain